

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a prescription refill request via an interactive voice response system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing access for a pharmacy to ~~an~~ the interactive voice response system for obtaining approval of a refill request from a physician;

prompting the pharmacy for a first indicator of information including at least one of:

prompting the pharmacy for a pharmacy identification;

prompting the pharmacy for a patient identification; and

prompting the pharmacy for ~~an NDC number of a~~ identification of a medication corresponding to the prescription to be filled,

wherein prompting the pharmacy for information at least one of the prompting steps includes audibly prompting the pharmacy by reciting a statement of words to the pharmacy that describes the first indicator of the information;

retrieving, from a database, a second indicator of the information indicated by the first indicator;

confirming the information by audibly reciting the second indicator of the information to the pharmacy with a statement of words; and

requesting the pharmacy indicate whether or not the second indicator is correct.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying both ~~the~~ a NDC number and the name of the medication to a physician for providing an authorization for the requested refill.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of the steps of:

the first indicator is a pharmacy phone number and the second indicator is the name of the pharmacy for confirming the pharmacy identification;
the first indicator is at least a portion of a patients name and the second indicator is a full name of the patient for confirming the patient identification; and
the first indicator is a NDC number and the second indicator is at least one of a generic name and a commercial name of the medication for confirming the medication.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of the steps of:

prompting for the date the prescription was last filled;
prompting for the identification of the original prescribing physician; and
prompting for the quantity of the medication.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each response to a prompt is followed by a confirmation of the response and the prescription refill request is assigned a unique tracking identification.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
creating a database entry for each prescription refill request, the database entry including the a NDC identification and a corresponding commercial or generic name of the medication corresponding to the NDC identification, whereby a physician or individual may consider and provide the refill authorization based on the commercial or generic name of the medication.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising at least one of the steps of:

providing a physician or other user access to the database entry;
prompting the physician or other user for the confirmation that the requested prescription is compatible with other medications, if any, prescribed to the patient;

prompting the physician or other user to enter comments;
prompting the physician or other user to indicate approval of the request; and
prompting the physician or other user to dispatch the indication of approval
and corresponding comments, if any, to the requesting pharmacy.

Claims 8-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An interactive voice response system of processing a prescription refill request, the system comprising:

means for providing access to an interactive response system for a pharmacy to obtain approval of refill requests from a physician;

a database having information identifiable by at least a first and second indicator;

means for prompting the pharmacy for a first indicator of the information, the information including at least one of:

means for prompting the pharmacy for a pharmacy identification;

means for prompting the pharmacy for a patient identification; and

means for prompting the pharmacy for an NDC number of identification of a medication corresponding to the prescription to be filled;

a first audible statement of words received by the pharmacy and being a description of the first indicator of the information;

means for determining a second indicator of the information; and

a second audible statement of words received by the pharmacy and reciting a second indicator of the information indicated by the first indicator

wherein at least one of the prompting steps includes audibly prompting the pharmacy.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for creating a database entry for each prescription refill request, the database entry including ~~the~~ a NDC identification and a corresponding commercial or generic name of the medication corresponding to the NDC identification, whereby a

physician or individual may consider and provide the refill authorization based on the commercial or generic name of the medication.

Claims 24-25 (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 1, wherein all three of the prompting steps includes audibly prompting the pharmacy.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 1, further including the steps of responding to the prompting steps by using a keypad on a telecommunication device.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 1, further comprising the step of confirming at least one of the pharmacy identification, patient identification and medication by:

providing an audible statement to the pharmacy, and
prompting for the pharmacy to indicate whether or not the statement is correct.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a prescription refill request comprising the steps of:

audibly prompting a pharmacy by a statement of words requesting a first indicator of to provide information related to the refill request;

providing the information by using a keypad on a telecommunication device;
using the first indicator to look up the information;

retrieving a second indicator of the information that is different from the first indicator of the information;

confirming the information by providing the pharmacy with an audible statement of words reciting the second indicator of the information;

answering whether or not the audible statement is correct by using a keypad;
and

displaying the information to a physician required to approve or deny the refill request.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the first indicator information is the pharmacy's phone number, and the audible statement second indicator is the name of the pharmacy.
31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the first indicator information is a at least a portion of a patient's name or patient's date of birth, and the audible statement second indicator is the patient's full name.
32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the first indicator information is the NDC number of the medication requested for the refill request, and the second indicator audible statement is the name of the medication.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein both the a NDC number and the name of the medication is displayed to the physician.